

# Subject-Verb Agreement H

**8k.** The contractions *don't* and *doesn't* should agree with their subjects.

**EXAMPLES** These **shoes don't** fit me very well.

**Doesn't she** go to your school?

**EXERCISE A** In each of the following sentences, underline the word in parentheses that correctly completes the sentence.

**Example 1.** This old recording (*don't*, *doesn't*) sound like me.

1. Minneapolis and Toronto (*don't*, *doesn't*) have the climate for palm trees.
2. They (*don't*, *doesn't*) plan to attend the concert tonight.
3. (*Don't*, *Doesn't*) her brothers have a copy of the book?
4. They (*don't*, *doesn't*) plan to go to the reunion.
5. Macaroni and cheese (*don't*, *doesn't*) sound very good to me when I'm sick.
6. Only a few of the choir (*don't*, *doesn't*) know the words to the song.
7. (*Don't*, *Doesn't*) she attend ballet class with your brother?
8. It (*don't*, *doesn't*) matter how you fix the bicycle as long as you do it by Friday.
9. Anyone who thinks cricket is easy (*don't*, *doesn't*) understand the game.
10. (*Don't*, *Doesn't*) everyone wonder about where the stars come from?

**EXERCISE B** Complete each of the following sentences by inserting the correct contraction, *doesn't* or *don't*, on the line provided.

**Example 1.** She *doesn't* think she can finish the project on time.

11. Mr. Maduzia \_\_\_\_\_ know anyone else on the softball team.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ someone have the answer to my question?
13. Dr. Anna Kim \_\_\_\_\_ work at this clinic any longer.
14. Paolo \_\_\_\_\_ believe in UFOs, but he does believe in ghosts.
15. These ficus plants \_\_\_\_\_ look very healthy to me.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ you think we should begin the test now?
17. The video box \_\_\_\_\_ say who directed the film.
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ think you should go, does he?
19. The opera \_\_\_\_\_ seem as long in performance as it did in rehearsal.
20. Anyone who \_\_\_\_\_ own a dog or a cat wouldn't understand how I feel.